Preston Dist.

astic demonstrations of applause.

lressed the Convention for some length of

time, being frequently interrupted with

cheers and applause. He was especially

vociferously called for.

ever receive my vote.'

rose and said:

nouncement.)

of the committee.

Totten, as follows:

visited

nspiring and eloquent speech.

subsequent period of the session.

The committee who were appointed to nom-

nate to the Convention the names of suita-

Lieut, Governor, and Attorney General, have

have instructed me to report in part, and ask

leave to sit further, in order that they may

Before announcing the action of the com-

to the commands of the committee, that in

making the nominations we were unanimous

in the choice of the candidate to be proposed

to you for the office of Chief Magistrate .-

The individual thus selected has a record

without stain, a character without reproach.

He is one who has no errors of ancient or

modern date to retract (applause.) He is

one who has ever been, heart and soul, a

Virginia Whig. (Great applause.) Sir, per-

mit me to announce to you the name of Wil-

John Minor Botts would address the Conven-

tion to-morrow (Friday) morning, as soon as

the supplemental report of the nominating

Committee had been disposed of, if it would

be the pleasure of the Convention to hear him

Wm. Martin esq., of Henry, moved the ap-

mond, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'-

A Slaver Destroyed by a British Steamer.

The Navy Department is in receipt of ad-

vices from Commander Totten, of the African

squadron, aumouncing the search, seizure and

burning of the brig Rufus Soule, Capt. Au-

derson, by the steamer Viper, of the British

squadron, on the same station. One of the R.

of the crew of the Viper that she was burned

because they had no men to send away in

her, and that they had orders to burn one out

of every three vessels taken. The seamen

were landed on the beach at Kabenela .-

Com. Totten had demanded an explanation

of the commander of the Viper, who respond-

ed to three categorical questions put by Com.

First. Had the vessel the American flag

flying at the time she was visited by the boat?

Answer. She had the American flag flying:

and from information from the British gov-

ernment, dated the 8th and 22d of July last,

there was every just cause to believe that in

this case a fraudulent use of the flag was

in the slave trade. Consequently, she was

Second. If her papers were correct? An-

swer. In my opinion they were incorrect,

Third. If the American flag was still fly-

ing when the batches were opened? Answer,

The American flag was not flying when the

vessel's hatches were opened. The flag and

the papers were thrown into the sea by the

captain, without even a suggestion on my

Com. Tetten replied that it was unsatis-

factory, as it made no mention of the cir-cumstances of the burning of the brig, with-

out legal investigation. Com. Hodkinton re-

joined by referring the American officer to

Not a "Hopeful Convert."

Mason's prayer meeting, at the corner of

North and Ferry streets, on Tuesday noon.

A young man was in attendance at the meet-

ing, and apparently was deeply interested in

the religious exercises. He sat immediately

behind the venerable Deacon Lewis Wilder,

and during the singing looked over the Dea-

con's hymn book. In the midst of the ser-

vice he called the Deacon to the door and

informed him that he had been a great sin-

tion. He was desirous, he said, of returning

from his sinful ways, and asked to have the

way of salvation pointed out to him. The

ease of the young convert, and addressed to

bim some pious counsel. But alas! for the

depravity of the human heart. The young

man asked what time it was, and the unsuc-

pecting Deacon had no sooner removed his

watch from his pocket than it was snatched

from his hands, and the thief was on his

way down stairs. The Deacon started in

pursuit and ran down North street, crying

wind, but the hypocritical rascal proved the

Rumors.

Secretary Floyd uses the remark that the re-

the Senate. It is thought by some that the

the demands of members of Congress!

stop thief," his white locks streaming in the

ner, but then felt himself to be under convic-

A cruel robbery was perpetrated at Father

some of them undoubtedly so.

port to the Navy Department.

's seamen testified that it was said by some

maturely discharge the duty before them.



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ALEXANDRIA:

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 12, 1859.

THE CANDIDATES nominated at RICHMOND, to form the State Ticket, in opposition to the Democratic ticket, are able men, worthy of the honorable position in which they have been placed, and worthy to be the chosen leaders of their party in the approaching contest. Mr. Goggin is well known throughout the State. He has served in Congress with distinction; whilst his associates are also gentlemen of high characters, and of experience and attainments. The ticket is a strong one. It will command respect, and should enlist in its hearty support, all who desire the success of a conservative opposition to the party

Most of the day, on Thursday, in the House of Representatives was taken up in discussing the bill reported by Mr. Stephens, for the admission of OREGON into the Union. The bill was opposed by Messrs. Grow, Granger, and Maynard, on account of the asserted want of sufficient population in the as, John S. Deal and J. E. Armstrong. Third territory, and the clause in the constitution relative to citizenship-giving unnaturalized foreigners the right to vote, &c. It was advocated warmly by Messrs. Stephens, Hughes and Nichols, on the ground that there was evidence of sufficient numbers, and that its constitution being "Republican," the details as to citizenship, the right of persons to sue in the courts, &c., were not fair subjects of objection. There was a night session on Thursday, on which speeches were delivered on Cuba, fishing bounties, the Tariff, party polities, &c., &c.

The Cuba Acquisition bill was taken up in the Senate, again, on Thursday. Mr. Foot offered an amendment, that the treaty should be ratified by the United States, as well as by Spain, before any part of the mo- procure for him the painting of a historical ney was paid. He wished the subject, after the negotiations had been concluded, to be acted upon by the Congress of the United States before any money should be expended. Mr. Pugh gave notice of an amendment restricting the amount to be paid for Cuba to one hundred and fifty millions. He advocated the acquisition of Cuba as the key to the gulf of Mexico, and alluded to the importance of her commerce. He answered objections, and declared that the European system of dietation by one sovereign to another should never be suffered to extend to this continent. He also denounced the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Advices from Honolulu of December 25th. have been received at San Francisco. The whaling season was closed. The whole number of whalers arrived at Honolulu was 218, the oil taken 130,000 barrels, and the amount of bone upwards of a million and a half pounds. The season was regarded as unprofitable. There was a terrific storm at Honolulu, Dec. 16th, flooding the streets, and in some instances submerging houses, destroying from ten to twenty thousand dollars worth of property.

The Bank of England bave just agreed to lend a sum equal to \$15,000,000 to the Metropolitan Board of Works at 37 per cent., to be expended during the next three or four years in completing the main drainage of London and the purification of the Thames. The loan is guarantied by the Government and principal and interest are to be met by an annual rate equal to 1; per cent, upon the value of all real estate in London.

The London Times devotes an editorial to Mr. Nugent, the late American Commissioner in British Columbia, and to the manifesto he issued before quitting his post for Washington. The Times commences by asking. "When will the emissaries of the United States learn that notoriety is not large scale is not a title to public grati- his being in position to enforce his demands, tude?" It then proceeds to criticise Mr. Nugent's acts with much severity.

Mr. Clingman and Mr. Simmons spoke on the Tariff, in the Senate, on Thursday, and Mr. Hunter had the floor, for yesterday, on the same subject. All the old argments, pro and con, are gone over again-but applied particularly to the present condition of financial affairs.

Colonel P. St. George Cooke, 2d dragoons, has been assigned the duty of translating terruptedly for 46 years. He was removed from the French that part of cavalry exercises called the "evolution of the line," and also of revising the system of cavalry tactics at present in use in the army.

Prescott's History of Philip the Second, of which three volumes have appeared, will be completed by Mr. Kirk, his amanuensis, to whom the blind historian expresses his obligations in the preface to the first volume of the work.

Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, denies that he desires to succeed Mr. Iverson in the Senate. He intends to withdraw entirely from pub- to him, when he was ejected from his office. lic service for the rest of his life, and says he -Norfolk Herald. prefers a seat in the House to any other posi-tion in the Government.

The steamers Indian and America, from Liverpool, with dates to the 26th ult., are both fully due, the former at Portland, and the latter at Halifax.

The New York Post learns that Mr. Seeley's American chapel at Paris, established by the American and Foreign Christian people of Virginia will at once rally to the Union, at an expense of \$40,000, has failed.

A writer in the Richmond Examiner, recommends Judge John Robertson, as a suitable candidate to represent the Richmond

The Richmond Enquirer states that the taxes in Virginia are producing each year tire amount of the floating debt of this State is concentrated in treasury notes, payable 12 in the African Church, at 12 o'clock, M. months after their issue; and the amount outstanding at this time is \$395,400; and the holders have been requested to present them for payment in anticipation of their maturity; but this is declined in most cases, thus presenting a full and overflowing treasury vithout the privilege of calling in and dis-

charging its liabilities." The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia North American, says: It is not vet decided whether Mr. Sherman's committee will report this week. They are unanimous, for the evidence does not admit of a division. There will be four separate reports on the principal subjects investigated, viz:-The coal agency and contracts at Philadelphia; the live oak contracts; the Brooklyn and Philadelphia Navy Yards, and the contracts for machinery. Together they will furnish a most striking commentary upon the President's Fort Du Quesne letter.

The barque Tangier of some seven hun dred tons burden, has just gone to sea from Baltimore, where she has been loaded with gas machinery, mains, materials, and men, for the erection of gas works to supply the city of Guavaquil, in South America .-We learn that the Republic of Ecuador, of which Guayaquil is the principal sea-port city, has granted most liberal privileges to E. R. Sprague, esq., of Baltimore, with a monopoly of the gas business, in all its branches, for a period of forty years.

But three weeks more will elapse before the "Baltimore Annual Conference" will commence its session in Lewisburg, Va .-The committees of examination are for the first year-J. M. Grandin, J. N. Combs and . Wilson. Second year-David Thomyear-M. L. Hanley, J. Thrush Rogers. Fourth year-Littleton F. Morgan, George G. Brooke and Fielder Israel.

The sheriff of Henrico county, was called on, on Friday last, to dispossess a helpless family of a house, the rent of which they were unable to pay. The sheriff seeing that the father of the family was in feeble health, and that the wife had no means of getting a livelihood, procured a hack, and sent them to tion to wait until everybody had come. Evethe poor-house. If he had turned them into the road, as he might have done, they would have perished,

The Historical Painter, Leutze, widely known through his picture of "Washington crossing the Delaware," arrived in New York on Friday from Germany, after an absence of nearly seven years. He is soon to visit Washington, and his admirers are moving to picture for the walls of the Capitol. Battle of Princeton," of which he has a spirited sketch, is the subject proposed.

Judge John Robertson, in one of his late essays in the Richmond Enquirer, declares that the innovating spirit of the Federal authorities, at this day, more perhaps than at any period since the foundation of the government, seem to menace a radical change of its Republican features. He argues bold- call out the army and navy of Virginia, inagainst the right to purchase Cuba.

The coming of the 42d regiment of High landers to New York, en route for Aspinwall and British Columbia, begins to be sharply around their old banner, and with the selecquestioned; and by many is looked upon as a mere newspaper invention or blunder. Whoever may come, it can hardly be the 42d Highlanders for they are now in Northern

Lawrence P. Crain, a lawyer of Shreveport, La., and a native of Loudoun county,

Va., died on the 28th ult. Georgia and Pennsylvania.

There is, so far, a remarkable balance in the opposing forces in the ranks of the Democracy, on the question of a change in the tariff of 1857. Pennsylvania and Georgia, nearly equal in territory-one most largely engaged in manufacturing among the Northern, as the other among the Southern States stand face to face in the van of the battle. They are represented respectively by Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Cobb, in the Cabinetand in the Senate, by Mr. Bigler and Mr. Toombs, on the one side and on the other,-At first sight, the contest would appear unequal, inasmuch as the President's weight. under ordinary circumstances, would turn the scale; but having failed to avail himself of his right, and, as we have contended, his duty, to dietate the policy of the Government to his subordinates, he has lost, not only the control of his Administration, but his prestige in his party. The difficulty, therefore, assumes the form of a stand-up fight-man to man, and State to State,-Mr. Buchanan claiming no advantage from the accident of and Pennsylvania deriving none from the fact that her champion, by her vote, has been made President of the United States .- Balt.

Capt. Jarvis, of Norfolk.

The Petersburg Intelligencer says:-"We had the pleasure last evening of taking by the hand that excellent man and good Whig, Capt. Jarvis, of Norfolk, who is now on his way to the Richmond Convention.

Capt, Jarvis left the army of 1814-15, to take the post of inspector of Lumber at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and held the place uninto make place for some partizan, during Mr. Pierce's administration. A singular fatality has attended his successors. The first died of pointed; the second committed suicide by hanging; the third was detected giving receipts for timber that had never been delivered; while the fourth, who now fills the place, has been but recently appointed."

In the meantime the old veteran, thus proscribed for his political opinions, has turned his attention to other pursuits, and continued to prosper. It may be said of him without fear of contradiction, that he was of more use to the Government than the Government was

William and Mary College.

This is the third time the College has suffered from fire. An irreparable loss has now occurred, in the destruction of portraits, rare books, and other precious relies of antiquity Thomas Bruce, Halifax District; Francis H. including, we suppose, George Washington's manuscript letter of acceptance of the Chancellorship of the College.

We sincerely trust that the lectures will not be suspended, and take it for granted the restoration of this noble and time-honored institution. The walls were built in the substantial fashion of old times as solid as these of a fort, and are yet no doubt capable of outlasting most of our modern buildings. We hope there will be a univer-District in the Congress of the United States. sal and enthusiastic movement through the State to rebuild, modernize and render more The Richmond Enquirer predicts "the attrative the buildings of this ancient school certain approach of a crisis in the financial to which Virginia and the country at large, and commercial world, far more disastrous obligations,—Rich. Dis.

THE STATE CONVENTION

RICHMOND, Feb. 10, 1859.—The delegates more than \$500,000 above the charges upon to the Opposition Convention, representing the treasury, It further says:-"The en- every portion of the Commonwealth of Virginia, assembled, in great numbers, to-day,

> The Convention was called to order by Francis B. Deane, esq., of Lynchburg, on whose motion. Hon, ALEXANDER RIVES was appointed temporary Chairman. Mr. Rives returned his thanks to the Con-

vention for the unexpected honor conferred upon him, and proceeded to deliver an ad-dress, in which he eloquently reviewed and exposed the short-comings of the Democratic party. In the outset of his remarks, he said, that it would be unnecessary to employ the phrases common upon such occasions, as he had been called upon to preside over those whose instinctive and distinctive characteristic was the observance of order and decorum. Upon short notice he had been called on to preside over an assemblage which had rarely been surpassed in numbers or character. Its presence here, under the circumstances, afforded a most hopeful augury for the best interests of the State. We had not been brought together by the lust for place, or by the gleam of the glittering spoils which we may not clutch. We are here as the vanquished, but true it is that though we have been defeated upon many a hard fought field, our honor has not been tarnished. We re-appear in the lists "eager for the fray," ready and willing to follow where duty calls us, and determined to assert and maintain the principles which we avow.

On motion of Mr. Deane, Messrs, Robt. Ridgway and Jas. McDonald, of the Richmond Whig, were appointed temporary Sec-

Col. Thos. M. Bondurant, of Buckingham, moved the appointment of a committee of thirteen, to nominate permanent officers of the Convention. Carried.

The Chairman appointed the following had that matter under consideration, and Committee, who forthwith retired: Col. T. M. Bondurant, of Buckingham; Col. D. Barret, of Montgomery; R. E. Scott, Fauquier; P. H. Daughtry, of Norfolk David Chalmers, of Halifax : Jacob B. Blair. of Wood: John M. McCue, of Augusta; Col. Jas. L. Ransom, of Jefferson; H. K. Ellyson, of Richmond: W. B. Caldwell, of Greenbrier; Wm. Price, of Monongalia; Richard Baylor, of Essex; and Dr. G. McDonnell, of Alleghany.

Loud calls were then made successively for Botts, Gilmer, Crane, Tazewell, Preston.

Ridgway, and others.
When the calls for Mr. Botts were the loudest, a delegate arose and advised the Convenrybody, he said, wants to hear Mr. Botts. Mr. Ridgway, in response to the repeated calls, arose and addressed the meeting. He said that he hardly knew by what right he peared in the Convention at all, or even liam L. Goggin. (Thundering applause and on this earth. (Great laughter and aplong continued cheering followed this anappeared in the Convention at all, or even ause.) According to high Democratic authority, this world was not his home. (Renewed merriment.) In common with all by acclamation, when the question was for-other members of the Convention he belong- mally put to the Convention by the Presied to another sphere—to the realms of the "The ghastly dead. He stood before them as a "ghost" -- as an erring spirit from the land of dreams-and, therefore, had not the faculty of speech. (Applause.) But, all of us had the faculty of locomotion, as will be demonstrated by our unremitting pursuit of honest John Letcher, in the ensuing campaign. Mr. then. R. rejoiced that there was no law in Virginia for the apprehension of the fugitive dead, for judging from the scene before him, his neighbor, the Governor, if he had the power, would cluding the Accomac militia and the oyster fundum squadron, and have us all arrested! (Laughter and cheers.) Mr, R. closed his remarks with an appeal to the Whigs to rally tion of proper men as our standard bearers. we will not only run Mr. Letcher to the neck, but may triumph gloriously in the coming

election. At the conclusion of Mr. Ridgway's remarks, Mr. A. J. Crane, of Richmond, in response to repeated calls, came forward, and addressed the Convention for half an

When he closed, Col. Bondurant, from the committee appointed to nominate permanent officers, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

DRESIDENT. WM. BALLARD PRESTON, Montgomery. VICE PRESIDENTS.
Richmond T. Lacy, New Kent,
James C. White, Norfolk County. Wm. Townes, Mecklenburg. Vincent Witcher, Pittsylvania. Wm. C. Scott, Powhatan. John A. Carter, Loudoun. Dr. Terrell, Orange, John Lewis, Rockingham. Walter R. Staples, Montgomery. B. F. Wysor, Pulaski. A. L. Berkshire, Monongalia. John A. Hutcheson, Wood. Henry W. Thomas, Fairfax. Dr. McCorkle, Cabell. Wm. H. Macfarland, Richmond.

SECRETARIES, R. Ridgway and J. McDonald, Richmond, J. B. Bingham, Wheeling. John E. Scruggs, Fauquier. A. K. Moore, Petersburg. Wm, M. Semple, Lynchburg. Alonzo Smith, Lexington, Richard, Mauzy, Rockingham. Edgar Snowden, jr., Alexandria. John S. Gallaher, Charlestown, John A. Kelley, Fredericksburg.

The President, Hon W. B. Preston was escorted to the Chair by Messrs. Bondurant. of B, and Scott, of Fauquier, and ably addressed the Convention upon the political

topics of the day. On motion of Mr. Scott, of Fauquier, it was resolved that a committee consisting of one delegate from each Senatorial District be appointed, to nominate candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieut, Governor and Attorney General. The resolution was adopted after being amended so as to provide that the yellow fever two months after he was apmembers, should be designated by the delegates representing the respective Senatorial Districts.

The Convention then took a recess until 4 o'clock P. M .- Rich. Whig.

EVENING SESSION .- The Convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock, when the President an- good old man was naturally interested in the nounced the committee under Mr. Scott's resolution, as follows:-

Ro. E. Scott, Fauquier District; F. F. Furguson, City of Norfolk; Edward P. Tayloe. Stafford District; Jas B. Bingham, Ohio Distriet; C. Q. Tompkins, Fayette District; Jas. F. Preston, Montgomery District; Jas. F. Johnston, Bedford District; F. B. Deane, jr., Campbell District; Jacob B. Blain, Wood District; Wm. Martin, Franklin District: Epes, Nottoway District; John McCue. Augusta District; Wm. Terry, Wythe District; Herald Hugh Barclay, Rockbridge District; J. Harrison Kelly, Spotsylvania District; B. H. McGruder, Albemarle District; Marmaduke Johnson, Richmond City: Daniel F. Slaughter, Culpeper District; John Lumpkin, King and Queen Dis.; Delius O. Maupin, Hardy District; Thos. H. Wilcox, Williamsburg District; John M. Harrison, Loudoun District; Ro. B. Boling, Petersburg District; J. A. Graves, Surry District; Wm. D. Massey. Alexandria District; Williams C. Wickbam, Hanover Dist.; Wm. Price, Monongalia, Dist.; Jas. G. Holliday, Portsmouth Dist.: A. B. Evans, Matthews Dist.; Wood Bouldin, Charlotte Dist.; Ro. K. Irving, Amherst Dist.; there Chas. Carter Lee, Cumberland Dist.; G. W. Star.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

Lewis, Westmoreland Dist.; Dr. G. McDon-Washington, Feb. 10,-A letter from ald, Alleghany Dist.; R. R. Weisiger, Giles Dist.; R. M. Fields, Russel Dist.; Greenville Paris by the last steamer, from a prominent source, states on information received from Smith, Greenbrier Dist., J. Bartlett, Wood Dist.; S. S. Weisiger, Dinwiddie Dist.: Thos. Madrid, that it is not probable Mr. Preston will be received as United States Minister; Pretlow, Southampton Dist.: Dr. Thos. P. but if he should be received, the first intima-Atkinson, Pittsylvania Dist.: Col. Clayton G. tion from him relative to the purchase of Coleman, Louisa Dist.; J. L. Rausome, Jeffer-Cuba would be deemed sufficient ground for son Dist.; Jno. S. Gallaher, Frederick Dist.; Chas H. Lewis, Rockingham Dist.; Dr. A. M. giving him his passports. Our government. however, is not in receipt of any official in-McCorkle, Cabell Dist.: R. B. Berkshire, formation from Spain on that subject. It was moved and carried, that the commit-

It is stated in well informed circles tee forthwith retire to execute the business the reinstatement, by Gen. Miramon, of Zuentrusted to it. Before the adoption of this longa, in the presidency of Mexico, was at motion, a letter from Hon, A. H. H. Stuart, the instance of France and England, who and another from Hon, Wm. C. Rives, were have an especial interest in his administraread to the Convention, and elicited enthusi- tion, in connection with the debts due these governments.

After the nominating committee had re-The effect of the vote in the House laying ired, R. T. Daniel, Esq., of this city, was the Nebraska contested election case on the In response to the table, is to continue Judge Ferguson in his summons, he ascended the platform, and adseat as delegate from that Territory.

The impression prevails that the p tion to place money at the command of the President to negotiate for the acquisition of evere on Mr. Letcher for having advocated | Cuba will pass the Senate, but will be defeated by a large majority in the House.

a division of the State. "If he so had de-clared himself," said Mr. D., "when dream-LEAVENWORTH, Feb. 10 .- Mr. Lawrence, an old Californian, just returned from Chering, or when drunk, or deranged, he should ry Creek, brings the most cheering accounts Waller Staples, esq., of Montgomery, was of the prospects of the mines. He estimates next called to the stand, and delivered an the amount of dust in the hands of the miners at Denver city at from \$15,000 to 20,000. A. J. Crane, esq., moved that the Presi-No sales were made for less than \$20 per lent appoint a Central Committee, to con-The organization of Arraphohoe ounce! sist of thirty Whigs and Americans. The county had been perfected. Public buildmotion was agreed to, and the President au- lings were being erected, and perfect harmothorized to designate the committee at some ny and good order prevail among the miners. The population distributed along The nominating committee having return- Cherry Creek has been augmented to some

ed, the Chairman, Mr. Scott, of Fauquier, three thousand persons. MIDDLETOWN, Ct., Feb. 9.—The Democratic State Convention of Connecticut met here to-day. General James T. Pratt was ble persons to fill the offices of Governor, Lieut, Governor, and Attorney General, have after one informal ballot. R. H. Winslow was nominated Lieutenant-Governor by acclamation, without any ballot. The rest of last year's State ticket was unanimously re-

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.-President Foulkes. of the Southern Pacific Railroad, has arrived nittee as far as I am commissioned to do so, I beg leave to say that I am addressing you here from Marshal, Texas, and has deposited the stockholders' loan in bank here. He as Whigs and Americans. Every true Whig is an American, (applause) and every true American is a Whig-(applause.) I beg a deficit of \$200,000 in the accounts of the leave, further to say, and I do so in obedience

VICKSBURG, Feb. 8.—The steamer Chero kee, from New Orleans, for the Tennesse river, collided with the steamer McKie, opkee was sunk, but can be raised. No lives

Boston, Feb. 10.-The steamship Arabia vesterday took out \$70,000 in specie. In going down the harbor she got aground, but came off without damage, after three hours' detention, and anchored at quarantine until the for disappeared.

Blind Men Eminent in Literature.

In an editorial of decided ability, and not The report of the Committee was adopted. without deep interest, which appears in the Richmond Examiner on the "Death of Presoff, the Historian," it is stated: Col. Chas. A. Lewis gave notice, that Hon.

"Many of our cotemporaries speak of Mr.

Prescott as one of the few instances of a man deprived of his sight in early life having become eminent in literature. This, however, is a mistake. From Diodotus, the blind teacher of Philosophy, Geometry and Music who lived half a century before the Christian cointment of a Committee of thirteen to pre- era, to Samuel Willard, an eminent blind dipare resolutions as the basis of the action of vine now eighty-three years of age, there the Convention. The motion was agreed to, have been not less than eighty blind men disand the President deferred the appointment tinguished in politics, literature, science, theology, and the mechanical arts. Milton On motion of Jas. A. Scott, esq., of Rich- made his name immortal, after the loss of his vision. Sanderson, one of the most eminent Professors of Mathematics that Oxford ever possessed, was born blind; Huber, strange to say, one of the most eminent writers on Entomology, was a blind man-and yet his work on "Bees and Ants" is the best ever written. Fielding, the great police magistrate, was born blind, so was Metcalf, a famous English Engineer and Surveyor. Augustin Thier ry, the historian of the Norman Conquest, who died last year, and who was almost as great a historian as Prescott, was blind. Indeed, we might, from an article in the Ency clopedia Brittanica on eminent blind men cite fifty other instances of men who have attained greateminence in all the walks of life who were blind from early childhood. One of the most attractive and entertaining books of the day-and one which may be found in every bookstore-is a collection of lectures, sketches, &c., by the Rev. Wm. H. Milburn, a Methodist minister, who lost his sight when a boy, and who, as an itinerant preacher, has, during the last twelve years, travelled over 300,000 miles in the performance of his clerical duties, and who is an eloquent and learned divine, as well as an able and enterbeing made, and that the vessel was engaged | taining writer,"

A New Orator.

A Col. W. T. Wilson, one of the democratic candidates for Alderman of Atlanta, is emphatically "one of the orators," if we may be allowed to judge from a specimen of his spread eagle qualifications given in the last issue of the American. A public meeting grand style upon the glorious achievements of the Democracy:

"Brother Democrats," said he, "look at your city! Its prosperity was never so great, and it is all due to the Democratic party .-Atlanta has increased in taxable property: look at these splendid houses and stores erected in 1858, and then feel proud as you rethe British Admiral, and this closes the refleet that the Democratic party was the cause of it! And then last year we had a most glorious revival of religion, under a Democratic administration, a thing which never occurred, as you all know, under an American administration! What Democrat does not feel proud of his party when such results can be traced to it? But that is not all, brother Democrats. The glorious old Democratic party accomplished more than that. It outdid and outshone itself, surpassing all its former glories. Last year we had two Comets. which you never would have had if it had not been for the Democratic party! (The rapturous applause which followed this anneuncement, interrupted the speaker several minutes.) Great and glorious, and surpassing as this did all former achievements of the party, it is nothing, gentlemen, to what we will do if you place us in power this year, as I know you will on Monday next. more revivals, and to have three of the biggest kind of comets with tails as long as the faces of our American friends will be, next

Amaranth Prints.

A correspondent of the United States Econmist says, in relation to this new style of

Tuesday morning." (Great applause.)

swiftest of foot, and turning down into Com-"The proper title for the new color, now mercial street was soon lost to view .- Boston so much in vogue, is Tyrian or "Roman Purple," it being precisely the same as that worn by the potentates of the East, and afterwards adopted by the Roman Emperors. The Phoe-It is stated that in a recent communication necians were the dvers of the color, and they o the House of Representatives, as to the probably drove a good business, for Plutarch expediency of certain reductions in expenses, states that it sold at \$500 the pound. They ductions would be practicable were it not for obtained it from a Mediteranean shell called "Murex," and hence the modern drug It is believed that the President will veto which however is obtained from guano) is the Agricultural College bill; and, also, the called "Murexide." The great difficulty has been to produce the color at a price, sufficientwar of 1812 Pension bill, if the latter passes ly low to allow a general use. This, modern French Spoliation bill will be in the same hemistry has at length effected, and probacategory, if that passes; of which, however bly of a quality, and brilliancy, much supethere is just now little probability .- Wash. rior to that displayed in the royal robes of Persia or Rome.

The Caucus The Tariff-and Congress, As Commented on by the Washington States.

As was foreseen by all intelligent observers, the Democratic caucus of last evening men and countrywomen had the proved a mischievous abortion. Instead of the non-action which some persons apprehended as the worst possible result, the ex- Paris-was so great that it was necessity pedient of an increase of the revenue was hold them apart. They were account ignificantly indicated as the policy of the ranged around the wall of a great party. We run no hazard of mistake in room by themselves. It was, how warning the Democratic masses, of a delibe- uncommonly admirable collectionrate purpose among their Representatives, ing distinguished men, civil and mental and me

have achieved a decisive victory, and the to say that a better collection had never Democracy are still farther debauched by the under his marshalship. The women embrace of another odious heresy. It is im- beautiful, and for the most part beautiful possible to intercept the result in Congress. dressed. The men, goldlaced remis The only chance was to bring the discipline emplar, that is after the fashion of the of party to bear upon the recusant members; rial court, bore themselves as if to the but the caucus has been so bunglingly man- ner born—as if cocked hats were an aged as to recoil against its patrons. peat the prediction of a revision of the tariff other nationality among the two them. n the interests of the protectionists, and of people whom we found afterward in an increase of taxation by the party which | dancing rooms, struck me as being so professes a peculiar aversion to imposing looking, or more refined looking, which is ourdens upon the people.

For so signal an apostacy from Democratic faith, the caucus essayed some atonement by faith, the caucus essayed some atonement by served that ladies generally fumbled nerval adopting a resolution in favor of retrenchment. But what does that signify? Is any ly at crinoline arrangements, while bereman simple enough to expect any wholesome reform of the present Congress? The session has been spent in idle demonstrations of impotent purpose, and it will close without an appreciable result. What have we witnessed during the last few days? With a had entered the room. His Majesty, processed to the room. an appreciable result. What have we witnessed during the last few days? With a commendable zeal in the public service, ardent patriots have remorselessly curtailed the proportions of expenditure by striking etrability due to his reputation. For the out an insignificant item, and afterwards, in a moment of returning reason, have recon- had only seen him on horseback. Like sidered their vote, and authorized the appropriation. Never in our life have we been so ever, than his prophetic uncle. He a disgusted by an exhibition of infirm pur- white small-clothes, a simply embraidpose and fictitious enthusiasm. If members | blue coat and the grand cordon rouge ntended from the beginning to report their | Empress walked at his side. They were speeches at the expense of the treasury, why attended. No man of sixty could have remake a show of reforming the abuse? If the poems of his youth without recalling the they are really resolved to diminish the pubmake a show of reforming the abuse? If lie burdens, why do they spare their own exorbitant income? If it be their purpose to economize the Federal expenditures, why be content with the suppression of an inconsidwill address the public to-night. He reports erable mission, or the suspension of work on the Capitol?

The truth is that the men now in Congress are incompetent to the work before them. They are sharp politicians, but in the qualities of true statesmanship they are sadly deposite island No. 93, yesterday. The Chero- ficient. We speak of the generality, reserving the liberty of distinguishing hereafter few among the more conspicuous exceptions. We tell the people plainly, they have sent men here who are unfit to control the destinies of this great republic. While the constituency are indifferent to the claims of superior intellect and the moral characteristies of a worthy representative, with what propriety can they complain if their interests be neglected and abused? What wisdom in ounsel or energy of action can be expected of men who exhaust their time and resources in the pleasures of the table or the frivolous amusements of fashion? Such employments are incompatible with the elevation of view. earnestness of purpose, and conscientious deotion to duty, essential to a faithful discharge of the responsibilities of the public service. Either the men now in office must ed, the audience was ended by a general exhibit a truer patriotism and higher ability, or else the people must select more capable Representatives. We shudder to think of the consequences of such indifference and incompetence in the councils of government: for, except by some special interposition of

Providence or the people, the State will go Averse as we are to any modification of the existing revenue arrangement, we do not ant to a call, on the 7th of February, free-trade Democracy in Congress can do better than adopt Mr. Taylor's proposition for a temporary revival of the tariff of 1846. In fact, while the imposts were higher under that system, the protective feature was not more distinctly developed than in the present tariff. We are not sure, upon the whole, but that the principle of the former is more in secondance with the Democratic theory .-We are satisfied, that while in a couple of of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and A rears the rates of 1846 would yield a suffiient revenue to discharge the public debt, to other expedient will avail so well as Mr. Taylor's plan, for the defeat of the protecionists. They will oppose it, beyond doubt, but the Democracy may carry it, neverthe-less. It is complete in every detail, and may be put in operation without difficulty or delay. We see no other alternative but the re-enactment of the tariff of 1846, or the imposition of such burdens as the iron-masers of Pennsylvania may choose to dictate. For all that, it is not at all certain the Demoerats in Congress will accept the expedient,

- Washington States. An Original Compliment.

"Sentinel" in the New York Courier & Enquirer describes an original and flattering | Wm. F. Clarke, Thomas H. Speake, S compliment upon Mr. Everett's oratory, as

Mr. Everett, in his delineation of the sleeping car, complains of having been disturbed by a conversation between the Superinten- A. D. Wroe, James M. Barbee, H. F. W was held in that city Thursday night last, dent of the Central Road and another railway at which the Colonel let off in the following official. It is seldom that—

"The censer of censure is swung And returns with the incense of praise." I think I could assure him that there is not a railway man from President to brakeman who would not willingly, even at the close of a day amidst the jar of the engine or the anxieties of superintendence, gladly, delightedly sit up half the night to hear his melody

of voice, to hear the utterances that framed

Indeed the best, because fresh and origino delegate being in attendance. nal, of compliments I ever heard given to way, of the Whig, and John Minor Mr. Everett, was by a railway man, a brave | were requested to act as alternates, an one too, he is. On me, I remember to have the vote of Prince William county. met him searching amidst the wreck for his dying fireman and wounded engineer! We Committee, Chairman, and Secretary. were all at Binghampton, and listening to Mr. added to the list of delegates. Everett's glorious discourse on Washington. The admission fee was fifty cents. When the address was finished, this man turned from his rapt attention to his friend who sat next him, and, said he, "This ought to have J. H. Hammill, and F. Foote, for the

Taking the Names of Passengers.

New York and Eric Railroad, the conduc-

This tors are required to ascertain the names of year we intend to build more houses, have all the passengers, and make a register of them in a book provided for that purpose. ination of a candidate for Congress. The absurdity of the requirement was aptly illustrated the other day, on the Elmira and Watkins branch of the road. The conductor. coming up to a passenger, demanded his Jackson," was the reply. To the name. next he put the same interrogatory, and was promptly answered, "Charles Moran." The third gave his name as "Headley;" but the fourth, not being quite so accommodating, or supposing that there was some unnecessary use of his name, replied, "None of your d-d business." The conductor put the answers on a candidate to represent us in t all down, and the last one was as near cor- of Virginia, assuring them that we will rect as the three preceding, though there dially unite with them in the support was a kind of bitterness in the tone in which good and true Whig who may it was uttered. In this way it goes—scarcely ted in either county—which motion a passenger giving his right name to the agreed to. conductor. The names thus collected, however, are sent on to head-quarters with regu- Secretary was directed to forward a larity and dispatch; and President Moran, the proceedings of this meeting to the it is said, has begun to think that he and his renton Whig and Alexandria Gazettele brother officers have a great many namesakes lication. travelling over the road lately, as scarcely a On motion of Joh list is presented to him but he finds his name ing then adjourned. upon it, as well as those of all the other officers of the company. -Elmira Adv., Feb. 4.

Presentation of Americans to the Emperor and Empress of the French No less than seventy-three of our

presentation and of attending a great subsequently. The number and and tration of the populousness of Am to betray the free-trade principle of the party. The protectionists of Pennsylvania Europe. Our excellent Minister was n We re- day occurrence; and I must say that better. A loud voice at length announced of

there a gentleman reassured himself were, upon the subject of cravat, On whole, however, the overawing was less than scriptively impenetrable, inscrutab scribed and reiterated, looked all ti he is shorter than was supposed by tho Moore, he sits tall. He is much taller. " Fair as the first that fell of wemankind.

When on that dread yet lovely serpent su A thousand such glowing parallels might applicable. A greater degree of grace a mor gentle, sweeter character of beauty-in short a more refined-looking lady is probably conceivable. Her toilette also here al character, except possibly for a somewhate profusion of those mysterious substructus of expansion, seen, yet comprehended not Her gown had the appearance of being word of fleecy clouds, of the kind known to mete rologists as cirri. There were about ranges of dark green velvet formations, elsed with sprays of diamonds. Her head to semblance of a kingly crown had on; glistenin in brilliants and falling behind in a great velvet fold, from which depended a some two of diamond tags or tassels, trembling wit every movement, (each a grace, be sure,) as producing every charm and artistic trium of which coiffure device is canable.

Their Majesties bowed graciously as Mason pronounced the name of every in dual in turn. The Minister's memory str meas being most extraordinary. Not a was said by others; and when the pair walked along the entire line and re-appro ed the door through which they had an sey and bow. They disappeared, and b gone, we were all men and women again Paris corr. of Nat. Int.

I COMMENDE ATES Whig Meeting in Prince William.

At a large and respectable meeting of ti Whig party of Prince William, held a know, since a change is inevitable, if the Brentsville. Allen Howison, esq., was cal ed to the Chair, and Crawford Cushing, at

pointed Secretary.
On motion of Colonel Samuel Simpson, the Chairman appointed a Committee of one from each Magisterial District, to select delegates to the Convention, to be held in Richmond on the 10th day of February, for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for the offer

torney General of the State of Virginia. The Committee-Wm. W. Monroe, 1 Speake, Josiah Willeoxsen, and John

Hammill, reported the following delegalarge from the county: Dr. C. B. Stuart, Edmund Berkeley, Fre

erick Foote, T. P. Hereford, Jr., C. C. ing, C. L. Cushing, T. N. Cushing. Lewis, W. L. B. Wheeler, W. L. Cassius Carter, Dr. C. C. Marsteller, W. Lewis, Samuel Simpson, B. T. Chinn, C. Weedon, Dr. R. Wheat, John W. man, Henry Love, John Hutchison, R. Waters, James Clarke, John Clarke, Cornwell, Willis Cornwell, Peter W. R. G. Matlocks, John W. Davis, Wm. ell, H. H. Knap, H. O. Gallap, Geo. don, C. Avery, P. Riehmun, John Thom Marsteller, J. W. Washington, Edward L. kin, James M. Sinclair, Theodore Bo Francis Bodine, Charles G. Howison, J. Howison, Wm. H. Smoot, Wm. Sel Hugh Hammill, Joseph Janney. John ry, Alfred Clarke, Wesley Hazen, E. L. Wilmer McLean, John Hooe, C. W. mer, Edwin Latimer, M. B. Sinclair Jose C. Brown, Wm. T. Washington, Able Del' Wm. K. Stuart, C. T. Stuart, J. H. But

Philip Biar, John Hornbacker, Elias te Joseph Roseberry, M. M. Roseberry, John Sinclair, Jno. W. Fitzhugh. On motion of the Secretary, any from the county, being in Richmond, such delineation as that of the "everlasting time of holding the Convention, was a ized to act as a delegate, and in the

On motion of Col. Samuel Su On motion of W. W. Monroe, the man appointed a Committee consisting

T. Chinn, C. G. Howison, S. Simpson Willcoxsen, R. H. Speake, W. W. of nominating a candidate to repty county in the next Legislature of Vir The Committee unanimously nominated By a recent act of the President of the Benjamin F. Lewis.

It being suggested that the cont prising the Congressional District. take some speedy action relative to the

On motion of W. W. Monroe, it was Resolved. That we are auxious and unite with the Whigs of the other county sing this District, in holding a Conve nominate a candidate for Congress. an early move on the part of the oth fixing on a time and place for said proposing the first Monday in March. and Alexandria as the place for the same

Dr. R. Wheat moved that we res suggest to the Whigs of the counties George and Stafford the propriety

On motion of Col. Samuel Simpson

On motion of John C. Woeden, the ALLEN HOWISON, Chairman CRAWFORD CURRING, Secretary